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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 12, line 26, delete "What is claimed is:".

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 13, line 1, insert --What is claimed is:--.

Please cancel claims 7 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claims 3-6 as follows:

3. (Amended) A network according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the first data rate is a full speech rate and the second data rate is a half speech rate.

4. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

5. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

6. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

Please add new claims 13-22 as follows:

-- 13. A network according to claim 2, wherein the first data rate is a full speech rate and the second data rate is a half speech rate.

14. A network according to claim 2, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

15. A network according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

16. A network according to claim 2, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

17. A network according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

18. A network according to claim 4, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

19. A network according to claim 2, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

20. A network according to claim 3, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

21. A network according to claim 4, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

22. A network according to claim 5, wherein the two channels originate in the network.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 16, delete "(Figure 1)".

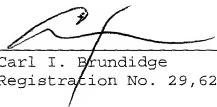
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